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'Your Town' comes to our town

By: JO1 Patrick Lane

The Naval Air Station hosted Reno's KOLO TV channel 8 for a live broadcast of their evening news programs on April 26 as part of a series produced by KOLO entitled "Your Town" which airs each Friday night this spring. The series highlights various locations around Northern Nevada and is hosted by local news per-

sonalities, Tad Dunbar and Terri Hendry.

The shows, which aired at 5 and 6:30 p.m., featured several segments on both the city of Fallon and the Naval Air Station and depicted the small town flavor of Fallon as well as the patriotic perspective from the base.

"We are very happy with the way

the broadcast turned out," said Zip Upham, NASF Public Affairs Officer. "A lot of people around base cooperated in making this happen," he said, adding, "The segments that aired were a great representation of all the men and women on base and of all their hard work."

With three F-5 Tiger II's from VFC-13 serving as a backdrop, Dunbar and Hendry were obviously enjoying their multi-million dollar set. A taped segment featuring clips from the movie "Top Gun," was inserted into the live broadcast along with footage of NASF aircraft to highlight operations here on base. Soundbites from interviews with Lt 'Cubby' Elliot, an NSAWC pilot, and Cmdr Robert Bertrand, VFC-13's commanding officer, were used to explain the mission of the base.

Naval Air Station Commanding Officer, Captain Brad Goetsch spoke about the Fallon community and the positive way Sailors and citizens have dealt with the leukemia cluster, commending the cooperation between the base and the community. He then spoke about the level of activity on

base with the increased amount of training recently taking place. Goetsch explained that the men and women at NASF are making a direct impact on Operation Enduring Freedom through their work here.

AG3 Dwayne Macie, of Fort Hood, Texas, made his broadcast debut when KOLO meteorologist Jeffrey Martinez asked him at the last minute to go on the air for the weather segment. "It was a great experience," said Macie, adding, "I wish I would have had more time to prepare. It's tough to go on live television when you know that thousands of people are watching you, but it was a lot of fun."



NASF CO, Capt. Brad T. Goetsch gives an interview to KOLO's Terri Hendry. (Photo by JO2 Eric D. Ritter)



Reno, KOLO Channel 8 set up a stage inside Hangar 4 to broadcast parts of the show 'Your Town' from the base. (Photo by JO2 Eric D. Ritter)

Pony Express rides into summer fun

By JO2 Eric D. Ritter

Summer time is coming quickly! Do you have your fishing rod, your tackle box or how about your fishing boat? Bet you're thinking you'd have to be rich or know somebody who is to get your hands on something like a motor boat. Well, not exactly... This airbase has it's own blue navy of sorts. And, it's even for rent. The base MWR's Pony Express Outfitters offers boats as well as just about everything else you can imagine to enjoy your time off in the outdoor adventures surrounding this little base.

According to recreation specialist, Mandi Brough, many servicemember may get hit by a culture shock when they come to Fallon.

"A lot of the people who come to Fallon for the first time take a look at the area and think right away that there's nothing to do," Brough said. "But, I think we have just about everything you can think of to help the folks here go out and have a good, safe time."

NASF's Pony Express is rather unique to the Navy, she said. Most of the other MWRs around the country—even

the much larger commands don't offer as much as this base does.

Picnics are very popular in the summer. Everything from Bar-B-Q cookers to giant coolers are available. Plus, BBQ rentals are half off for the month May. So, roasting that pig just got cheaper.

Some of the items that are offered there may seem strange to some people here. Being in a state where gold and silver helped grow a population during the boom days, there are still a few prospectors out there apparently.

"We have metal detectors," Brough said. "And for those folks who want to try their luck at mining gold and silver, we have the sifting pans for them to head out to the old mines looking for those precious metals (in them thar hills)."

You don't need to go mining to go to the mountains. Pony Express has those mountain bikes for the off-road extreme athlete or the golf clubs to get your ball out of the rough.

Speaking of golf—Pony Express also is in charge of the golf driving

range on base. There, you can whack balls all day by the bucket without digging deeply into your pockets. Use your own clubs, or rent them from the Pony Express.

Pony Express isn't just open to active duty military. Base contractors, military retirees and just about anybody else who works on base can use the shop.

"Because we're part of MWR, the money that we take in goes right back into the program, so we can continue to buy new equipment for servicemembers."

For the people who are planning that family get-away, everyone in the household may use the equipment once rented. However, for children, parents need to sign a disclaimer about liabilities.

"It's a good program for our servicemembers," she said. "We have so many of the things they need for outdoor recreation that they wouldn't buy, because they don't want to carry it from station to station taking up

Flag of Freedom flies over NASF



The Flag of Freedom, which flew over the nation's Capitol on Sept. 11, is raised over the base, April 24.

Base Honor Guard members, AG3 Dwayne Macie (left) and AO2 David Riley, hoist the flag which was flown for the Nevada Chapter of the March of Dimes. Since 9/11, the flag is being toured throughout the nation and has appeared aboard the deployed Guided Missile Destroyer USS Mitscher (DDG 57) and over the Utah state capital as the Olympic torch entered the city (Photo by JO2 Eric D. Ritter).

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Chaplain's Corner



By Cmdr Jack Kirk,
Base Chaplain

I recall the one time I saw an uncut diamond. I was not particularly impressed with it. It looked like a little rock to me, the kind of rock my youngest son would have found outside and put in his pants pocket for my wife to find in the bottom of the washing machine. It's a good thing I'm not a prospector, huh! And obviously I haven't the trained eye of the diamond cutter or the jeweler.

Diamond cutter. Jeweler. They are the people who recognize the beauty in the stone, and can do something with it. They will cut it, polish it, and mount it in a setting that will showcase its unique

splendor for a lifetime. Then the little rock will bring awe from the admirer and pride to the wearer.

Uncut diamonds, however, are not worn.

I wonder of there is a point of comparison for people between the diamond and personal character? How people respect the dignity of others, how they behave, their manners, their conversation, all lets others know whether they are "diamonds in the rough" or "diamonds polished and refined." My sense is that most people appreciate the company of those whose good qualities and virtues are always displayed. Good relationships begin here and grow

here. Those who are ill mannered are avoided.

I believe a person will travel farther and faster along life's highway of success when they cultivate and practice the art of character refinement, and practice it in all their daily activities. There should be no "On-Off" switch.

Lord God, it isn't always easy to do, given our job and the pressure we are under, but in Your mercy grant us the light to see that we can daily practice those virtues most admired by everyone.



Donna Pressey is honored for 3,000 hours as a caseworker.



NAS Commanding Officer, Capt. Brad T. Goetsch was a guest speaker



NASF CO, Capt. Brad T. Goetsch presents the check totaling \$22,823.26 for this year's fund raiser. Pictured are (left to right: Marchelle Elliott, Shirley Parker, Ltj.g. Thomas Schroch, Capt. Brad T. Goetsch and Alexandra Snyder



Back row: Cmdr. Ed Rybold, Patricia Fox, Elsie Hardesty, Jane Rybold, Alexandra Snyder, Beth Drey and Capt Brad Goetsch.

Front row: Brendy Eby, Linda Birch, Lois James, Beth Aiello, Donna Pressey, Bonny Douglas



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Protestant

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Catholic

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NMCRS honors its volunteers

By: Beth Aiello, NMCRS Chairman of Publicity,
Photos by JO2 Eric D. Ritter

In honor of National Volunteer Week, the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) hosted its Volunteer Award's Banquet, April 25. The Society holds the event every year to show appreciation to the outstanding service of all its volunteers.

Guest speakers for the event were NASF Commanding Officer, Capt. Brad T. Goetsch and AOCM(AW/SW) Martin Cobb. Cmdr. Ed Rybold presented the awards. Shirley Parker, NMCRS Director and Jana Rybold, Chairman of Volunteers, were the hostesses for the evening's events and expressed their gratitude to the volunteers.

Patricia Fox and Elsie Hardesty captured top honors as Volunteers of the Year. Fox is a very dedicated caseworker, presents the Budget for Baby Class and currently serves as Chairman of Records. She has accumulated over 500 hours of service to the society. Hardesty is also a dedicated caseworker, serves as Chairman of LAYETTES and has gathered over 500 hours of service. They were lauded for their professionalism, commitment and compassion for service members.

Other volunteers in attendance were recognized for their contributions to NMCRS as well. Brenda Eby was presented with a pin and tote for 100 hours as a caseworker. Beth Aiello, Chairman of Publicity and receptionist, was awarded a pin and tote for 100 hours. Alexandra Snyder was honored with a pin and a tote bag for 100 hours as a caseworker. Lois James, a receptionist, was presented with a 300-hour pin. Janna Rybold, Chairman of Volunteers and caseworker, was also awarded a 300-hour pin. Bonny Douglas, receptionist, was awarded with a 1,500-hour pin. Donna Pressey was presented with a pin and clock for 3,000 hours as a caseworker. Beth and Linda Birch were honored with Certificates of Appreciation for their contributions to the society.

The NMCRS is grateful to everyone who contributed to the organization's success in the last year. The many talents and expertise of the volunteers allow the NMCRS to lend a helping hand to our military families in a time of need. It is only because of volunteer efforts that the society exists, and we are always looking for caring individuals to become a member of the team. If you are interested in lending your talents, call 423-2739

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NASF sheds light on huge savings

By JO1 Patrick Lane

Instability in the Middle East and Saddam Hussein's recent threat to hold back oil production as a means to pressure U.S. policies are causing concern among Americans, especially those who remember the Oil Embargo and the gas lines of the 1970's. Though energy consumption in America has seen a marked decrease since then, this country is still the number one consumer of energy worldwide.

In the year 2000, the Department of Defense (DoD) consumed 824 trillion BTU's (British Thermal Units) making it the largest consumer of energy among all the federal agencies. The U.S. Postal service came in a distant second, consuming 49 trillion BTU's. If you consider the number of light bulbs there are on base, it's easy to see how NASF contributes to the DoD's total energy consumption. But that doesn't mean the Naval Air Station isn't doing what it can to conserve energy.

Energy conservation used to mean turning off the light when you left a room. Soon, personnel working here will be taking part in energy conservation every time they turn on a light, thanks to a Public Works energy project currently underway to upgrade lighting systems all over the base.

"Every government activity has an obligation to reduce energy costs," said David Gisi, NASF Energy Manager. NASF Public Works is taking steps to meet that obligation by implementing a \$1.3 million project which will involve 93 buildings and the upgrade of 12,578 lighting fixtures, as well as the installation of 170 skylights. By taking advantage of relatively new technology, more light will be produced with less energy and will cost less to maintain. Depending on the type of fixture, retrofits will replace various components with upgraded parts including reflectors, diffusers, ballasts, and smaller, brighter bulbs. Some of the new technologies include compact fluorescent bulbs, T8 and T5 fluorescent lamps, metal halide fixtures, and photosensors that shut down lighting systems at locations where skylights provide daylighting.

According to Mike Nelson, the project manager for Lighting Retrofit Inc., a subcontractor working on the project, the new fixtures will utilize fewer bulbs and provide up to 40 per-

cent energy savings per fixture. Additionally, the new bulbs have a longer service life. "The old bulbs were rated at 750 hours. These new ones will burn for 10,000 hours," said Nelson.

Gisi explained the project was initiated after incentive funding of \$728,000 was provided by Southwest Region. The remainder of the project is financed by Noresco, the prime contractor. The project will employ about 25 contract personnel, and should be completed by mid-August. Once completed, the new lighting systems will begin saving the base about \$254,000 per year in energy costs. At this rate, the project will pay for itself over the course of the next eight years.

While saving thousands of dollars in energy costs, and reducing our dependence is a good thing, this project also provides a brighter, safer work environment.

AO2 Joseph O'Bryan from Louisville KY, has worked on base for three years and claims working in the bomb assembly building before the installation of skylights was like being in a dungeon. "Medieval is a good way to describe it," he said. It took six working days to complete the installation and the improvement was tremendous. "It looked like a brand new building," he said.

"Even with the lights on and the doors open, it wasn't this well lit," said O'Bryan. "Now that it's lit this way, you can see everything, you can find everything, you don't have to worry about safety issues. It's a huge improvement," he concluded.



AO2 Joseph O'Bryan from Louisville KY, appreciates the improved lighting in the bomb assembly building at Weapons. Before the installation of skylights, it was like being in a dungeon. "Medieval is a good way to describe it," he said. It took six working days to complete the installation and the improvement was tremendous. "It looked like a brand new building." Photo by JO1 Patrick Lane

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room."

She also said that for those servicemembers who did go out and get much of that stuff, storage units are also for rent.

Pony Express has something for everybody and for any activity at any time of the year.

"We just want to get the word out that for anybody on base there is always some thing to do with their free time," Brough said. "Take advantage of the stuff you've always wanted but don't need to buy, and most importantly, get out there have some good, clean fun."

Month of the Military Child

April 2002 marked the 16th annual celebration of the Month Military Child. This month was set aside annually by the Secretary of the Navy as a time in which we honor not only our children, but also those who care about them.

There were numerous events for the children throughout April such as the traditional Chuck Wagon Bar-B-Q. There were several other events such as Pet Day, Pajama Day, Community Share Week, Command Share Week and Caregiver Share Week. This year there were two special events to the month-long celebration--the Family Literacy Fair and Galley Luncheon Finale.

The celebration was a collaboration of Child Development Homes, Child Development Center, Youth Activities Center and base Equal Opportunity Office.



Children walk through the streets in housing performing the traditional Holland "Lazy Bones Parade" (Photo by JO2 Eric D. Ritter).



Rodeo skills were shown off at the Chuck Wagon Bar-B-Q (Photo submitted by CDC)



Children put on a show concluding the month-long event at the base Galley (Photo by JO3 Denise Morris)

CONSUMER ALERT!

TEST PREP SCAMS 2002 DANTES, Code 10K

Over the years, DANTES has published a variety of "Consumer Alert" articles in the DANTES Information Bulletin concerning fraudulent and misleading practices by a number of agencies. Because military members and their families are a large, concentrated target, they are highly vulnerable and in a position to be unique exploited.

Many installations have large numbers of young Service members and their spouses who may be receiving their first regular paycheck, and who may lack the financial sophistication needed to recognize and avoid potential fraud. Education Officers, counselors, base legal officers, financial assistance advisors and Commanding Officers must be aware and provide a concerted effort to educate potential targets.

A major pattern of abuse has been identified across military installations within the United States which uses the College Level Examination Program

(CLEP) name by unscrupulous salespersons to sell "so-called" test preparation materials. These salesmen target military bases by scouring the East Coast during one year, then moving to the central United States, finally ending up at installations on the West Coast or overseas. Some set up tables at the Base Exchange, claiming they are authorized to sell encyclopedias and educational materials in the Navy Exchange and AAFES (Army/Air Force Exchange System); some claim to be from the base education center and make appointments in the member's home.

A central theme of these unscrupulous agents lies in their continuous promise that they are selling CLEP home-study kits which will prepare individuals for the CLEP test.

Unfortunately, these study materials are inadequate for preparation and the claims made by these agents are patently false. Some study packages include encyclopedias, which are not

necessary. Some companies tell the Service members they can use TA or GI Bill benefits, which is not accurate. Contracts are normally written with a down payment, i.e., \$75, and the remainder in monthly payments of \$75 - \$80.

The companies promise quick, easy fixes to getting a degree through testing. Some include information on specific schools with External Degree Programs, such as Thomas Edison State College, Excelsior College and Charter Oak College, or imply that they represent one of these schools.

There are a variety of free or low-cost alternatives for acquiring needed study references for CLEP and other credit-by-exam programs. CLEP Sample Tests are distributed to all DANTES Test Centers, available for Test Control Officers to download from the DANTES web site, and are available free to any Service member. DSST study materials are available to anyone on the DANTES web site at <http://voled.doded.mil/dantes/exam/index.htm>

SPORTS

All sorts of sports at NASF

By JO1 Patrick Lane

Naval Air Station Fallon personnel are working out the kinks from a long, cold winter and taking to the various athletic venues of Captain's Cup sports. The month of May marks the beginning of both Volleyball and Softball league competition and according to MWR Athletic Director, Tim Tooker, the competition is going to be fierce. "They love a good fight, and they take that energy and put it into whatever they do," he said of the athletes.

The Captain's Cup season, which began in December, is based on a point system where departmental teams vie for the coveted championship and bragging rights. Branch Medical is not only the reigning championship team, but also produced 2001's Athlete of the Year in HM2 Thomas Tennison. This makes them the team to beat in this year's competition.

Tooker is excited about the startup of volleyball and softball and says he is ready to handle the needs of the participants. "The

schedule flexes quite a bit throughout the season because of operational commitments of the various departments," he said. Tooker understands the nature of the business and takes it all in stride. "We're here for them," he said. "If they have to change the schedule then we'll do that. We adapt, improvise

and overcome," he concluded.

According to Tooker, a recent addition to the MWR team will help the leagues run smoothly. "We just hired a new intramural sports coordinator," he said of Marcia Rickabaugh who will join the staff this week.

All the hard work performed by the MWR Sports Staff translates to satisfied customers. AT3 Nina Radcliffe from AIMU's 600 Division appreciates the efforts of MWR and counts on them to provide activities to keep her occupied. "This is the best MWR I've ever seen," she said, adding, "they do so much to keep us busy."

Radcliffe is a Cheyenne Wyoming native and played varsity volleyball in high school. She is looking forward to some heated competition in the Captain's Cup league based on what she saw during the basketball league. Radcliffe said there were a lot of spectators who came out to watch basketball and she is looking forward to having the fans out to support volleyball. "I'm hoping we get more participation," she said. Radcliffe believes the competition will provide great entertainment for everyone involved. "It think it will be fun for both the players and the spectators."



ATAN Joshua Pierce from AIMU gets some practice at the net as he spikes a shot past the defender for a point prior to the first game of MWR Captain's Cup Volleyball league play (Photo by JO1 Patrick Lane).

Uniform change reminder!

Just a reminder that May 5 at midnight the uniform shift from winter blues to summer whites will take effect.

VP-8 Vets reunite at NASF

By JO3 Denise Morris

On April 29, retired members of VP-8 had a reunion here. This was a chance for shipmates to reunite and retell stories that get better each time they are told.

VP-8 was established in Norfolk, Va., in 1942 and is still in commission at Naval Air Station Brunswick, Maine.

A majority of the retirees in the reunion were active in the Patrol Squadron from 1948 through to the 1960's.

The squadron's insignia is a tiger crushing a submarine with the continents in the background representing the squadron's antisubmarine capabilities in all parts of the world and all weather situations.

"The duration of their existence (VP-8) is commendable because I don't think there's too many more naval aviation units that have been in continuous service for that long," said Al Pierre, who was a mess specialist first class petty officer with the squadron.

"I always told them (Shipmates) I was the most important guy to have in that squadron. Because if they didn't get something to eat properly, they wouldn't be able to complete their mission," Pierre joked.

In the 60 years the squadron has been active, VP-8 has done its part during war and accomplished its missions of antisubmarine warfare. The squadron received more than one Navy Unit Commendation and has deployed to Bermuda, Argentina, Cuba, Sigonella, Italy, Rota, Spain.

During World War II, VP-8 flew

more than 28,000 hours in the sea-based PBM "Mariner" from Norfolk, Key West, Bermuda, and the Panama Canal Zone combating the German submarines that were threatening allied shipping throughout the Atlantic.

Throughout the remainder of the Fifties, the squadron actively participated in the evolution of antisubmarine warfare, including development and evaluation of new tactics and equipment.

In 1955, VP-8 operated from Goose Bay, Labrador; Frobisher Bay and Thule, Greenland, flying ice patrol. They also provided cover for convoys carrying supplies to the new Distant Early Warning (DEW) Line sites. The DEW Line stretched more than 3,000 miles across the 69th parallel, spanning the frozen north from Barter Island, Alaska, to Thule, Greenland. These DEW Line stations called for highly skilled, dedicated technicians who could man them without regard to weather.

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was among the Navy's first patrol squadrons to receive the P-3A Orion aircraft. The new aircraft received a thorough break-in during the squadron's participation in the Cuban

Missile Crisis in late 1962.

Members of the squadron flew to Bermuda and tracked the Russian ship traffic in the Atlantic who were en route to Cuba. "I think they tightened down on the Russians so much that they decided to turn around before they offloaded the missiles."

Following extensive operations during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962 and detachments to Iceland, Ireland, Newfoundland, Argentina, Bermuda, and other Caribbean locations, the VP-8 Tigers were awarded their third Battle "E" and the Isbell Trophy for excellence in airborne ASW.

In July 1971, VP-8 was transferred to its present homeport at Naval Air Station Brunswick, Maine.

"It is always nice to meet your shipmates from 50 years ago," said Pierre.

With so much emotion that he could barely finish the sentence he spoke how it felt when he saw active sailors working on base. "It makes my heart pound to see what a good job you all are doing."



VP-8 retirees reunited for their 9th reunion and toured the base. (Photo by JO3 Denise Morris)

News and Notes

Look forward to...
--Friday, May 3 **Cinco De Mayo** at the O'Club
--Friday, May 17 **Big Party Night**...Watch for details and band information!
--Saturday, May 18 Grand Opening of Silver State's **Outdoor Pool**!
--Annual **Pig Roast**, Horse Shoes, Volleyball, Swimming
--Saturday, June 8...possibility of a ---**Post Air Show Party**
--"Community Day" watch for details!
--**Cooking Volunteers for a Fashion Show Prize**

I am putting together a home-cooked Mexican meal for 6 as one of the door prizes. I need 8 people to volunteer to prepare one dish. I will coordinate/deliver the meal with the winner once the prize is awarded. The expiration date will be June 20th 2002 (that's when

we're leaving). Michelle Ross jmross@cccomm.net
Fashion Show Refreshments - WINE & CHEESE
It appears we have a shortage of the wine and the snacks for the show. We would appreciate any further contributions. You can drop the wine off at Lisa Ericksons house, she has a cooler outside her house or at the Multi Purpose Room before 6 on Friday. Please email me or Lisa or Beth for your donations as we need numbers in order to lay out tables. lerickson@oasisol.com or EandB100@cs.com
--**Civilian Guests attending the show!**
Don't forget if your bringing people without base passes to contact Jackie Mongillo asap, we have special passes for your guests. jackimongo@charter.net
Next Wives Club Meeting - La Fiesta
--Thanks Amy and Terri for all your hard work!
--La Fiesta has been warned!! May 17 @ 7pm. They serve wonderful

fish bowls of Margaritas!! Please come along!
--**After the Fashion Show**
Cinco de Mayo at the O club, relax and enjoy and maybe a little dancing on the bar by our lovely dancers the Flight Girls!!
--**Navy Marine Corps Relief Society**
We are in need of some new volunteers, we are losing several this summer due to moves. We are in need of Receptionist's right now, and it would only have to be one afternoon or morning a week. The society will reimburse for child care. It's a great little office to work at, just answering phones, making appointments, light typing, and we have a lot of fun. Have them call Shirley Parker at 426-2739 or me, Jana Rybold at 428-2626. Thanks a lot!
--**Horse Back Riding Lessons - Cowboy style Yee Ha!**
Lessons available from the Flying M Stables. A group of folks are getting together on Thursday mornings from 9.30 - 10.30 to ride western style! 65 buckaroones for 5 lessons. Come along. For further information contact Marie Doty owner of the stables on 423 9215.
--**Don't forget to look at the OSC web page, it has all the above info and much more. Just type in webpages.charter.net/edgedesign and Bob's your Uncle or Robert is your Mother's Brother!!**
--**Are you eligible for advancement?** Check your records at BUPERS to ensure they are correct and up-to-date. Here are some websites to help you:
<https://www.ntmpsetj.navy.mil>--Electronic Training Jacket
www.bupers.navy.mil--Bupers Access
--The 5th annual *Spring Wings Bird Festival* will take place from May 10 through May 12. Everyone who would like to join our volunteers to help with the event is invited to a BBQ May 4 at the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Field Station. For more information about volunteering, Spring Wings or to confirm that you will be joining us for the BBQ, please call Bob Russell at 428-6452.
--**Disneyland Resort Accommodations Offer**
Extended until June 13
U.S. active military personnel are eligible for special military rates at the Hotels of the *Disneyland Resort* in California. The starting rates per night are Sunday - Thursday at *Disney's Paradise Pier Hotel* - \$79, *Disneyland Hotel* - \$99 and *Disney's Grand Californian Hotel* - \$149. Friday and Saturday rates per night start at *Disney's Paradise Pier Hotel* - \$99, *Disneyland Hotel* - \$119 and *Disney's Grand Californian Hotel* - \$179. Rates do not include the resort fee or applicable taxes and

are valid through June 13, 2002. The number of rooms available at these rates is limited.
For more information or to make reservations, military personnel may call (714) 956-MICKEY and reference the Military promotion rate plan MLT. Subject to availability, not valid with other offers or discounts and advanced reservations required.
--**Armed Forces Day/Fernley Air Fest** -- In honor of Armed Forces Day, men and women in uniform (including military, fire and enforcement) are invited to Armed Forces Day in Fernley, May 18-19 at Tiger Field. For more information, call 775-575-4459.
--**GET READY, GET SET, "COOK CHILI"**
ITT is sponsoring a Chili Cook Off for all of you wonderful cooks. Event will be held on June 8 at Sorenson Park. There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes awarded for the best tasting chili. Receive a MWR Chili Cook-Off T-shirt with each \$15 entry fee. Come in to the Ticket office located in Bldg. 308 for more information or call 426-2275 / 2865.
--Season opener for Rattlesnake Raceway is May 4, ITT has your discounted tickets. Adult general admission is \$ 6.
--For your convenience the ticket office will remain open until 5pm Monday through Friday. Please share your opinion on these hours, as our goal is to best serve you.
Business and Professional Womens Clubs
The Business and Professional Womens Organization is coming to the Fernely/Fallon area!
Won't you please join us for an impromptu gathering to learn more about BPW and the benefits of joining. The meeting will be May 9, 6-

7:30pm at the Lyon County Library Community Meeting Room, 575 Silver Lace Blvd in Fernley. Please RSVP by May 7 by calling CJ Binder in Fernley at 835-6091 to register so that we have the proper number of packets for the meeting.
You can also RSVP by sending an email to cjbinder@power.net. In the subject line, type "BPW May 9, Fernley Meeting".
Web Page: <http://www.geocities.com/bpwsilversagenevada/silversage.html>.

Town Hall Meetings

U.S. Congressman, Jim Gibbons, announced that he will be visiting four Nevada communities next week to hold town meetings. Gibbons wants to provide an opportunity for the citizens of Nevada to voice their thoughts and concerns about federal agencies and legislative issues.
Meeting information
Minden/Gardnerville Town Hall
Friday, May 3, 6pm--Douglas County Town Hall.
Yerington Town Hall
Saturday, May 4, 9am--Yerington Town Hall
Hawthorne Town Hall
Saturday, May 4, 12:30pm--El Capitan Resort and Casino
Fallon Town Hall
Saturday, May 4, 4pm--WNCC, Still water Hall, Rm# 302

Desert Moon Theater

Friday, May 3	
6:30pm	Resident Evil (R)
9pm	Blade 2 (R)
Saturday, May 4	
6:30pm	40 Days & 40 Nights (R)
9pm	Sorority (R)
Sunday, May 5	
2pm	Rugrats in Paris (G)
5pm	Ice Age (PG)
7:30pm	ET (PG)
Monday, May 6	
6:30pm	We Were Soldiers
Tuesday, May 7	
6:30pm	Sorority Boys (R)
Wednesday, May 8	
11am	Blade 2 (R)
6:30pm	Showtime (PG13) (Single Sailor Night)
Thursday, May 9	
6:30pm	Resident Evil (R)
Friday, May 10	
6:30pm	Ice Age (PG)
9pm	The Rookie (G)

The Desert Classifieds

Pets:

--If you're looking for a new or lost pet, please check with the Churchill Animal Protection Society (CAPS). They have a number of animals available for adoption or sponsorship. Call 423-7500 for more information.

Autos:

--2001 GMC Jimmy 4x4 SUV for sale. 26,000 miles, every option but leather. still under warranty. asking \$18,500 firm, well under blue book. Ask for Joel 428-6898

--For Sale-1987 Ford F-150 4x4, extended cab. Good condition, runs well. \$3,000. Call Daryn. (775)530-7237 (w) 423-1895(h).

--For sale: blue, 1988 Ford F150; 1994-300 6-cylinder motor w/ 25,000 miles; many new parts; 1/2 ton; automatic transmission; many new parts to the motor; overall good condition. Call 428-1078 if interested.

Misc.:

--Demonstrators Needed! Hot new home party: Ladybug Garden Parties. Great money, Flexible hours. Also, Giving Parties! Call Kimberly (775)835-6566.

--Dual Stroller for sale. Two-way stadium seating. All-terrain tandem stroller. Excellent Condition. Front seat reverses so tots can ride face-to-face. Rear seat fully reclines. Great for infants. Asking

\$100. Call Laura at 423-9465.

--White Wicker Full size bed with mattresses, has headboard and foot board excellent condition asking \$250.00. Also, have the white wicker night stand to match also excellent condition asking \$25.00. Also for sale: Kenwood stereo system with cabinet, speakers, 2 sided tape deck, tuner, cd player (holds 5 CDs) and amplifier all are also in excellent condition. Now asking \$500.00. Please call 423-2624.

--1995 G.E., 21.7 cu. ft., side-by-side, frost-free refrigerator/freezer with ice maker. Asking \$650/OBO. Phone AECS Jim Williamson at 426-3485, during normal working hours or 423-8619, after normal working hours.

--Deluxe Stroller with car seat \$65. Call Mardie at 423-2246.

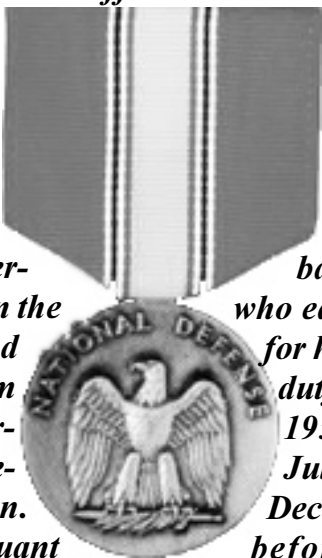
--Coffee table and two end tables. Dark brown in color. storage space available within items.

--Looking for a way to get your car to your new duty station? Call Ed Gieratz. I will drive your car to your new duty station and I'm willing to go anywhere in the country. If you have questions or are interested in this service, please call me at 423-7776 or e-mail me at: safedriver59@yahoo.com.

Looking for that one particular elusive item? Put your wanted ad in the Desert Roundup. Call 426-2880 for more information.

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

Quote from memo from the Chairman of the Joints Chief of Staff dated 26 April 2002. "The sacrifices and contributions made by the Armed Forces in direct response to the terrorism attacks on the United States and to the long-term resolution of terrorism merit special recognition. Therefore, pursuant to Executive Order 10448, I hereby authorize members of the U.S. Armed Forces serving on active



duty on or after September 11, 2001 to be awarded the NDSM." (From Awards Manual - "A 3 1/2 inch bronze star shall be worn on the suspension ribbon and ribbon bar by personnel who earned the medal for honorable active duty after 26 June 1950 and before 28 July 1954, after 31 December 1960 and before 15 August 1974, and again after 1 August 1990 and before 1 December 1995.")

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